

March 2024

Reminders and General Awareness:

- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- Non-fed users are no longer required to show proof of security training to a federal GAE to gain access to the system. However, non-fed users with privileged accounts (Non-fed GAEs) will need to show proof of security training.
- WFDSS does not use INAP as a login method and therefore a INAP account is not required.
- We have a [WFDSS FamAuth Migration FAQ](#) doc for logging into WFDSS using login.gov or PIV card posted to the [GA Editor Resources](#) page of the [WFMRD&A](#) site and to the [WFDSS homepage](#).
- The Interagency Agency Admin WFDSS Refresher hosted by FS NLOT and the RDA was March 14th. For those that missed it and want to view the recording it is available on the [WFM RD&A AA WFDSS Refresher page](#).
 - The page contains information on how to obtain a certificate of attendance for those that need it for their training record from the Learning Portal; it will count for the WFDSS – Annual Refresher requirement.
- Looking for additional refresher ideas/materials? The AA WFDSS Refresher page contains additional training refresher materials including [WFDSS Annual Refresher Training Recommendations](#), and other reference materials such as a [WFDSS/ISAP/RMA Dashboard Talking Point document](#), and other tools and guides.
- The [WFM RD&A AA Resources](#) page contains additional materials for line officers, and specifically for the FS information about the Agency Admin Taskbook.
- Send us (TJ Boyer, Rick Mowery, or Morgan Pence) your units WFDSS Training dates as you become aware of them. We will add them to the [GAE & Training Calendar](#).
- Next GAE call is Thursday, April 18th, 1300, Mountain Time.

New GAE Welcome:

- If you have GAE changes please let Morgan, Rick, and TJ know- we adjust the roles in WFDSS, the mailing list, and the IIA helpdesk contact list.

RDA Staffing:

- Cheryl Bright has joined us for 120-days with the WFM RD&A. Cheryl will be working with the WFDSS NextGen team.
- Chris Moore has also joined us for 120-days and will be helping out the Fire Modeling Services Framework and WFDSS NextGen projects.
- We have 3 outreaches that have hit the road. The 9/11 Fire Application Specialist will be placed on the NextGen team. One of the 12/13 Fire Application Specialist position will be an IFTDSS team lead and the other will be the Tech Transfer lead. We anticipate the announcement is live in the next 4-6 weeks.
- The RDA is also outreaching for the 13/14 Deputy Program Manager. Multiple candidates may be selected from the outreach for consecutive assignments until the position is advertised for permanent fill.
- Data Analyst Fellowship through the ORISE Program application period was closed.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- 8.3 was released and the [8.3 release notes](#) are available and posted to the [What's New in WFDSS](#) page and Hot Picks section of the [WFDSS homepage](#).
- 8.3 release mostly included IRWIN v9 work, some FAMAAuth cleanup, and adding PMS 236 Part D to the Organizational Assessment.
- Work continues on upgrading our Linux Operating system. We anticipate the switch over to Production and Training environments to begin possibly early next week.
- Arc upgrade was deployed in Production and Training environments.
- LandFire 2022 data was deployed in Production and Training environments. AK Zone 80 did not get loaded.
- 8.3.1 work has started and anticipate being released before upcoming fire season. This release is focused on upgrades and some prep work for archiving WFDSS data.

Geospatial Data Updates:

- Data team attended the developers conference.
- WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape v82 were due to their agency leads for submission 3/7. The next scheduled data for v83 due to agency leads is 4/4.
- PODs will be updated in WFDSS Classic twice for the 2024 fire season. The first PODs editing deadline was due March 1, 2024. The next scheduled editing deadline is due June 1, 2024.
- The [2024 WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape Update Schedule](#) is available and posted to the [WFDSS data page](#).

IRWIN Updates:

- IRWIN v9 became live earlier this month. Information about the enhancements and development of IRWIN v9 can be viewed at [Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information \(IRWIN\)](#).

NextGen WFDSS Updates:

- FS Pro work nearing completion.
- Working to complete Landscape edits
- Strategic Assessment (objectives and requirements) is almost completed and plan to be in UAT shortly.
- We have the [UAT environment](#) up and running and set to where you can log in and take a look at what things are doing. Anyone is welcome to the application. When you put in a request, it will go to the WFM RD&A to approve.
- To keep up with the effort to update WFDSS and provide your feedback on issues you have experienced with the current WFDSS system and what improvements could be made in the next version of WFDSS, check out the [Next Generation WFDSS](#) section on the RD&A site for more information.

IFTDSS Updates:

- Currently wrapping up Arc Pro upgrade.
- Working to have the FTEM Dashboard available in the FTEM application.
- IFTDSS team presented the new 12 step framework for the wildfire crisis strategy landscapes at the Fuels Academy. FTEM and monitoring was also presented.
- Collaborative work with detailers from NAFRI continues. They attended and helped facilitate a workshop for IFTDSS on the Sawtooth NF. They are working on

instructor guides and other materials for workshops. For the next workshops the focus will be on Rx burn plans